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Plaque unveiled at Riding Mountain National Park

WASAGAMING, Manitoba, July 15, 1995 - Albina Guarnieri, MP for Mississauga East, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, today unveiled a plaque from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorating the national historic and architectural importance of the East Gate Entrance Complex in Riding Mountain National Park.

The imposing log gate, with its twin kiosks linked by overhead bridgework, and the two staff cabins, are outstanding expressions of the Rustic Design Tradition favoured for buildings in Canada's national parks from 1887 to the 1930's. Features of the rustic tradition, such as use of native logs and stone with half timbering and gabled rooflines, are found in many other key park facilties.

Finished in 1933, the East Gate complex is the last of three similar registration gates built at Riding Mountain and is one of the few remaining in the national park system still used for its original purpose. It was one of 86 structures built in Riding Mountain National Park from 1930 to 1936 under federally-funded unemployment relief work programs during the Depression.

Several former workers from these labour camps attended the commemoration ceremony.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada advises the Minister of Canadian Heritage on the commemoration of events, persons and sites of national historic significance.

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